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## FOREIGNERS AND MORTGAGES ON CHINESE PROPERTY IN CANTON.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—Viceroy Chang in a dispatch to the Provincial Treasurer dealing with the subject of mortgages of leasehold properties to foreigners by Chinese subjects points out to the Treasurer that in all the Treaties made between China and the Foreign Powers nothing whatever has been mentioned in them regarding the mortgage of land and houses to foreigners by Chinese subjects. His Excellency instructs the Provincial Treasurer that in future when Chinese subjects borrow money from foreigners on leasehold properties the proper course to adopt is to draw up a document of guarantee or a promissory note with a clause specifying the leasehold properties pledged with foreigners as guarantee for the repayment of the loan. The promissory note or document of guarantee will have to be registered against the property at the yamen which has jurisdiction over the property pledged. Such transactions must not be put through by a deed of mortgage and no title deeds of the property should be handed over to the foreigner. There is also a difference in the conveyance of properties acquired by foreign merchants in Treaty Ports and missionaries in the interior of China. Properties are transferred to foreign merchants by a perpetual lease and to missionaries by absolute assignment. In the 32nd year of Kwang Su, the Kwangtung Bureau for the Registration of Leasehold Properties petitioned the Viceroy to sanction a new regulation regarding loans advanced to Chinese subjects by foreigners on leasehold properties. From inquiries made His Excellency stated that he had discovered that Chinese subjects had habitually borrowed money from foreigners by mortgaging their properties. If the new regulation is not strictly enforced trouble may arise. On the 12th day of the 12th moon of the 24th year of Kwang Su, Leong Shun Yan Tong mortgaged certain properties in Canton, situated in Shahe Tai to Messrs. Deacon & Co., a British firm. The Viceroy states that he has already communicated with the British Consul in regard to this matter and has requested the Consul to have the mortgage deed altered into a document of guarantee to secure repayment of the loan and have it registered at the Nam-Hoi Magistracy against the properties. It was also distinctly stated in the Viceroy's dispatch to the British Consul that in future, if any Chinese subjects raise loans on leasehold properties from British subjects and if the Chinese subjects fail on due date to redeem the property it is the duty of the foreign merchant to request the Chinese officials to dispose of the property so pledged and repay the loan out of the proceeds of sale. If no interest is paid to the foreign merchant during the continuance of the loan he can only collect the rent of the houses as interest but he will not be permitted to raise the rent nor will he be allowed the privilege of entering into possession of the property. The foreign merchant will also not have power to dispose of the property by public or private sale. Once a property is pledged with a foreigner, the landlord cannot mortgage it to another person. If the landlord is indebted to other people he will not be allowed to make use of the property to guarantee his debts after a property is pledged to a foreign merchant. If the landlord makes use of the house for any illegal purposes or if the landlord should permit the house to be used for such purpose as to infringe any of the laws of China the Chinese authorities will have power to seal and confiscate the property. If the creditors of the landlord were to institute an action in the Chinese courts and attach the property and the property is sold, the amount advanced by the foreign merchant on the property will be paid off first. In future if any Chinese subjects borrow money from foreigners on leasehold properties they must abide by the above regulations. The Viceroy instructs the Provincial Treasurer to draw up a form of guarantee and forward copies of it to all the officials in the Province of Kwangtung so that they may have same printed for use, in the event of Chinese subjects borrowing money on their properties from foreign merchants.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

A notable event in the short history of this church took place last night when the chaplain's house, built and furnished by Sir Paul Chater, was formally presented by Mr. Bryer, the architect, in the absence of Sir Paul Chater. At present the congregation is without a chaplain, the services being meanwhile taken by the local clergy, but in September the Rev. H. O. Spink will take over the charge. An appeal has just been addressed to residents in Kowloon on behalf of St. Andrew's Church, in which it is stated that two friends have kindly promised a supply of new hymn books, that an endeavour is being made to provide front desks for the choir stalls at an early date, and that Sir Paul Chater, in addition to his munificent gift of a handsome paragon, has generously provided new electric light standards for the approaches to the church. The Bishop of Victoria also writes a letter to residents in Kowloon, pointing out that the "seven gentlemen who were appointed by the annual meeting of vestryholders and subscribers to constitute the Vestry for 1909 will gladly do all in their power to provide for the upkeep of the Church and the orderly and reverent arrangement of the services," and expressing his confidence that they will have the hearty support of English-speaking people in the District. After these in attendance had inspected the building, and Mr. Bryer had concluded the dedication service, the blessing of His Lordship the Bishop, "Peace be unto this house," etc., followed. The Kowloon School, which adjoins the building, was then thrown open to those in attendance. There an excellent musical programme was gone through, and light refreshments were provided.

## JAPAN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TOKYO, Feb. 11.

## THE CONSTITUTION.

To-day Japan celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the promulgation of the constitution. The day is also a national holiday, being the Kigensetsu or anniversary of the coronation of the mythical emperor Jimmu, a personage of whose existence there is no doubt in the national mind. There is double reason therefore for making the day a happy one, and great doings will take place in the capital before nightfall. The compound of the Imperial Diet will be the scene of the principal official ceremony; there will be great popular rejoicing at Hibiya park, under the auspices of the municipality, and celebrations and lectures on constitutional subjects will be given at Waseda University and other centres of learning. Each ward is arranging its own festivities to be crowned at night with a lantern procession. The whole of the day's programme will be repeated in many cities and districts throughout the country.

## CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND WRONGS.

The Japanese are a procession-loving people. To judge by the fuss being made to-day a stranger would infer that they are the most constitutional of constitutional peoples, but the fact is that they are governed much in the same way to-day as they were before February 11, 1889, much in the same way as they were governed three hundred years ago. The work of twenty years has not done much to change the characteristics that have been formed by a patriarchal tyranny evolved in a thousand years, although the light is penetrating in some quarters, for recently one energetic newspaper questioned whether the elder statesmen were a constitutional institution! The mass of the people, however, are supremely indifferent to their privileges and duties as shareholders in the State, consider it a presumption to question the doings of those in authority, and are ever ready to follow the official lead and instruction. This blind faith leads to a violent reaction when the people find out that they have been deceived, as they occasionally do, but the fact that they are now responsible and no longer a subject race is not commonly understood. With the very beginning of constitutional government political parties were formed, but to this day they remain limited to a select circle. In speaking of the Sengoku party, or the Shin-po-to one does not mean the Conservatives or Liberals as in England, huge camps of voters holding certain political beliefs, but a few members of the Diet, having no principles and having been sent to parliament with no mandate from the people. The Government, aloof from all parties, moulds them to its purposes.

## TRIFLES IN POLITICS.

In the House the questions which occupy most attention are not great affairs of State involving principles, but petty matters that ought to be settled in committee. An affair of Imperial importance to Japan is its policy in Korea and Manchuria. In these countries Japan is introducing methods—naturally obnoxious to Western peoples, and the subject is worthy of a party's attention because it involves the future of the Japanese empire. Nothing at all is heard of this in the Diet as a matter of imperial policy. The subjects that are uppermost in the minds of politicians are the question of telephone charges, the Arisan affair, the abolition of the pari-mutuel. Perhaps the Government is wise in keeping attention fixed upon these small matters, for in the present condition of the Diet it is not competent to deal with greater questions. The one man in Japan fitted to lead a party according to English ideals, and to keep before it great questions of principle and policy, has now retired from active politics, unable to hold his fragments together. The himpoto had in it all the elements of a real opposition party, but since Count Okuma's withdrawal it has lost what unity it possessed and is now of little service to the country as an example of an opposition party.

## FORESTS OF MOUNT ARI.

I referred to the Arisan affair as one of the questions troubling the Diet. The Government is severely criticised for a proposal, the cost of which is placed in the Budget, to take over the working of the forests on the slopes for this Mount Ari in Formosa. It originally granted privileges for this purpose to the Fujita firm of Osaka, but the latter being unable to make the working pay is to dispose of the property for two million yen, and the Government is to carry on the work. Now the argument of the papers is that if an expert business man cannot make a profit out of such an undertaking, there is still less chance of amateur officials being able to do so. Beyond the purchase payment of yen 2,000,000 to the Fujita firm the Government has placed 4,000,000 yen in the Budget as working expenses. Both parties and papers seem to be set against the whole scheme. As for the property in question it is a forest of magnificent timber over a hundred square miles in extent at an altitude of from 2,500 to 9,000 feet above sea level. Every variety of valuable hardwood is found in abundance, and it is passing strange that the working of such a property cannot be made to pay. The suspicion of corrupt practices between the Government and this private firm is what has aroused public opinion to opposition. Corruption is the blight that so commonly afflicts commercial transactions, and in the Arisan affair the people feel they are being exploited.

## O. S. K. PACIFIC SERVICE.

The *Titona*, a liner destined for the new service of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha to Pacific Coast ports, has just been launched at Kobe. Since the war the O. S. K. has felt to the full the bad effects of war-trade and competition. This competition especially in the China trade has been more severe than in the case of the N. Y. K., and judging by the outlook generally

it is a bold move to start a new service across the Pacific at the present time. The question of navigation subsidies is one of the more important matters before the Diet, especially the grants-in-aid that are to be given to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha's new South American service. Japan pays more money in subsidies, than any other maritime nation, and there are now before the Diet amendments to the subsidy laws which will deal a heavy blow to its shipping. If carried, the chief to suffer would be the N.Y.K., whose English and Australian services would be impracticable without the aid of subsidies, so it is said. The Government's apparent object in its new proposals is the withdrawal of support in one direction for use in another, namely, the subsidy of the South American line as a medium for emigration to a new and unlimited field and the withdrawal of support from the old established N.Y.K. It is not at all certain yet what alterations will be made in the existing subsidy laws, as the Government proposals will have to contend with the opposition of powerful commercial interests.

## THE BERYNIA SCANDAL.

No new developments have taken place in regard to the Dai Nippon Seiko Kaisha. Full investigation has shown its affairs to be as bad as the most pessimistic anticipated and vigorous action on the part of the public prosecutor against defaulting directors and auditors would be welcomed by the public, but nothing has been done in this direction. Efforts are being made to continue the business, but it will be years before the company's debts are paid.

## OUTRAGE IN KOWLOON.

Another occurrence which might have evened up into a case of armed robbery or a determined attack upon life took place at Kowloon on Monday evening. A boy named Chan Koo Shan, in the employ of Captain Spink at 5 Lochiel Terrace, Cameron Road, Kowloon reported that about seven o'clock in answer to the ringing of the bell he opened the door and was attacked by two men, one of whom threw pepper in his eyes. The boy called out for assistance, and Mr. Lee, occupier of the next house, came to the rescue and succeeded in arresting one of the assailants, the other escaping. Nothing was stolen but there were found an iron bar, a quantity of pepper, a quantity of wire and a pocket book. The police are making investigations.

## THE WRECK OF THE "ADATO."

NAVAL COURT OF ENQUIRY EXONERATES THE CAPTAIN.

A British Naval Court was held at the British Consulate-General, Yokohama, to enquire into the conduct of the master and certificated officers and crew of the *Adato*, wrecked on Oshima (Vries Island) on a voyage from Yokohama to Hongkong.

The Court was presided over by Mr. T. Harrington, Acting British Vice-Consul, with whom were associated Capt. S. Driver, of the *Seymour*, and Capt. Bertram C. Edmunds, of the *Crag*.

The Captain was represented by Mr. G. O. Heath (Messrs. Croase & Savard).

A large amount of evidence was taken, the witnesses including Captain Stewart (*Adato*), Captain Owsen, Chief Officer W. J. Shearer (*Adato*), Third Officer A. S. Burgess (*Adato*), Engineer W. G. Hill (*Adato*), Captain C. R. Grant (*Brilliant*), Richard Boyatt, A.B. (*Adato*), and H. E. Armstrong, A.B. (*Adato*).

The finding and order of the Naval Court were as follows:—

It appears from the evidence, before the Court, that the *s.s. Adato* sailed about 4.20 p.m. on January 19th with a cargo of cotton and flour and a crew of forty hands all told.

That on passing Surugasaki a proper course in normal circumstances was that for Kook Island, that the weather became cloudy and dark by nightfall, with heavy squalls obscuring the surroundings, and that Vries Island was not visible to the vessel as she approached.

That the current setting around the north of Vries Island to the eastward was, probably as the result of the variations of winds previously, unusually strong, and that this current had the effect of setting the ship several miles to the south-east out of her course.

That the evidence before the Court, especially that of Captain Grant, Master of the *Brilliant*, satisfies them that this current was exceptionally strong on that day; that the master of the *Adato*, who has only ordinary information as to the variations of currents and tides around Vries Island, had no means of knowing how far he was out of his course.

That, in the obscurity of the night and the frequent squalls, land was not seen as the vessel approached Vries Island.

That the vessel was placed on the fore-castle, who saw land and broke down before the vessel struck, but whose warning was unable to affect the fate of the ship.

That the ship became a total wreck, and was abandoned some three hours after she struck.

The Court having regard to the circumstances above stated, finds as follows:—

That the wreck of the *s.s. Adato* was due to the existence of a strong current, of which the captain, and to the darkness and obscurity, which left him in ignorance of his proximity to Vries Island.

That, though the Court is of opinion that the work of communicating the reports of the look-out to the bridge was inefficiently performed, at and before the time of the wreck, it is also of opinion that an improvement in this respect would not have averted the disaster, as they regard as inaccurate the look-out's view that five minutes elapsed between his seeing land and the vessel striking.

That the Court regret that the master did not find it possible to secure other of the vessel's papers than those produced.

That in view of the situation and condition of the vessel and the state of the weather the Court concur in the opinion of the master that the ship was a complete wreck from the moment of striking and that he was justified in abandoning her and standing by on shore.

## THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

THE APPEAL FOR UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

Following is the appeal which Ruter informed us a month ago had been addressed to the Christian ministers of Great Britain in regard to the meeting of the International Commission for the investigation of the opium question.

Dear Brother in Christ.—We desire most earnestly to call your attention to the fact that the International Commission for the investigation of the opium question will meet in Shanghai on February 1st. The reference in the King's Speech on the prorogation of Parliament states clearly that the Commission will meet "with a view to assisting China in her purpose of eradicating the opium trade in the Chinese Empire." We need hardly point out what momentous issues, religious, moral, and international, depend upon the courage and wisdom with which their deliberations are conducted. We have at last reached the crisis in this long controversy. It is all-important that the full strength of this country should be put forth in terminating a traffic which the House of Commons has unanimously pronounced to be "morally indefensible" which is discreditable to the Christian reputation of this country, and imperils those relations with the Chinese Empire upon which the prospects of civilization in the Far East so largely depend. In this case, as in all others, the Christian course is marked out as the path of wisdom and far-sighted statesmanship. We appeal to you to bring this subject before your people and to arrange that it shall be made a subject of special prayer, both public and private, on Sunday, the 31st inst., and during the following days until the Commission has concluded its work.

May God grant grace to Great Britain and to Christendom to give effectual encouragement and support to China in her great crusade against this deadly evil.

The letter is signed by the Bishop of London; Dr. David Brook, President of the National Free Church Council; the Rev. Charles Brown, President of the Baptist Union; the Rev. William Evans, Moderator of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist General Assembly; Dr. Robert Laws, Moderator of the United Free Church of Scotland; the Rev. J. Scott Liddell, President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference; Dr. Theodore Marshall, Moderator of the Church of Scotland; the Rev. F. B. Meyer, ex-President of the Baptist Union; the Rev. A. D. Philmer, Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod; the Rev. James Pickett, President of the Primitive Methodist Conference; Dr. George Robson, ex-Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland; Dr. B. Wardlaw Thompson, Chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales; Dr. W. J. Townsend, President of United Methodist Church; and Mr. Henry Lloyd Wilson, clerk of London Yearly Meeting of Society of Friends.

## THE NEW SHANGHAI CLUB.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Shanghai Club took place on the 16th inst. There was a very large attendance of members and guests, and the weather was at its best for this historic occasion. The corner stone was placed in position at the North-East corner of the reinforced concrete platform, upon a small staging which was gallily decorated with flags and bunting. A cinematograph camera, which was used for the actual ceremony, and also during the actual ceremony, many cameras were also in evidence. Sir Polham Warren, whose carriage was escorted by a detachment of mounted police, arrived shortly after noon, and was received by Mr. W. A. C. Platt and Mr. A. M. Marshall, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Club Committee. Mr. Tarrant, the architect of the new building and the Committee, Mr. Platt, in a speech gave a short history of the old Club House. The foundation stone was laid on the 16th inst. 1861, and the architect was a Mr. Charles St. George Clouston, who received a remuneration for his services no more than \$250—a very inadequate remuneration. "We pay our architects better now," said Mr. Platt. The building was finished in 1864 and the cost, £15,000, far exceeded what the shareholders had estimated.

Sir Polham Warren laid the foundation stone of the new Club House which Mr. Platt said would be second to none in the Far East. The stone bore the following inscription:—

This stone was laid on February 16th 1909 by Sir Polham Warren, K.C.B., in the presence of Messrs. W. A. C. Platt, Chairman, A. M. Marshall, Vice-Chairman, R. Carr, A. H. Ellison, W. D. Graham, Hendrick, C. O. Liddell, J. McKie, G. Miller, C. Sully Moore, J. B. Patterson, F. Rayde, the Committee and the members of the Club. Messrs. Tarrant and Morris, architects, Shanghai, Messrs. Howarth Erskine, Ltd., Contractors, Shanghai, and Captain C. G. Close, Secretary.

## IN ARCADIAN JAPAN.

A BRIDGE-PARTY OF FOREIGNERS ARRESTED.

Judging by the following extract, life is not all "beer and skittles" for the foreigner in Japan. "To arrest a citizen in Hongkong or elsewhere in the British Empire for indulging in a game of bridge would be considered sufficient cause for a riot, but in Japan they are apparently death on gambling in any shape or form."

An extraordinary incident occurred recently on the Tokyo express train which left Kobe reports the *Kobe Herald*. After the rush for dinner was over four foreign gentlemen arranged with the attendant in the dining saloon to take one of the tables for a game of bridge. After playing for some time a Japanese passenger who was, we are informed, obviously intoxicated, interfered, and in a manner more forcible than polite charged the foreigners with gambling. This needless for intrusion was naturally resented and the fellow-passenger was in effect told to mind his own business. A little later he returned with another passenger and again raised objections. An altercation ensued, but there was no disturbance. However, to the amazement of the small party of foreign residents and visitors, when the train entered Gifu station a number of policemen boarded the train and arrested the party, compelling them, despite their protests and explanations, to leave the train. This of course, they did, amid the jeers of the Japanese who had caused the trouble and the car attendant. After a detention of about three hours the party were allowed to proceed, and they reached Yokohama at midday on Saturday. We understand that the Police showed anything but an arbitrary or unfriendly spirit and if anything seemed reluctant to be called on to interfere. Strange to say, the names of the party were not even taken down, though we have one of the foreigners voluntarily gave his card to a policeman who was kind enough to lend him his own card. The matter has been brought to the attention of the authorities and doubtless more will be heard of the outrageous affair.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT CHINA TEA.

The revival of the demand amongst persons of refined taste for tea grown in the gardens of the Celestial Empire has evoked no little resentment on the part of the producers of and wholesale dealers in the teas of India and Ceylon. It is within the memory of millions of persons when the only tea known and drunk in this country was that which came from China. Tea was first planted in Ceylon in the early "forties," and in India about the same time. Ceylon, like Southern India, knows no winter, and the plant can be cultivated there all the year round. This is not in China, where a very severe winter renders the tea-raising process a strictly seasonal industry. The success of the Cingalese plantations dealt a great blow to the trade in China Tea.

Differences of climate and soil cannot fail to create differences in plants grown even from the same stock. Each result may be excellent of its kind, but there will be found characteristic variations between products obtained under widely divergent conditions. Californian wine, for instance, is good and Australian wine is excellent, but each differs from the other, and both differ from the European growths. The books emanating from Rhineland, where for centuries the vines have sucked their juices from the volcanic rocks of that region, or the drevs derived from the gravelly banks of the Rhine, give characteristic aromas and flavours quite other than those offered by the same grape-vines raised under an arid southern sun upon the rich alluvial soils of Australia or California. Similar with respect to the teas of China, India, and Ceylon. It is no disparagement of the latter growths to say that they do not possess the same aromatic bouquet or refined delicacy of flavour as the former, and that they therefore appeal to palates of less discrimination.

There are nuances of flavour in the teas of Chinese growth which can neither be reproduced nor imitated elsewhere, even though the seeds of the choicest varieties be taken and raised with consummate care. Nature takes her own revenge. The English dairy will not flourish in America; the potato becomes sweet if raised in the tropics; and—speaking generally—a plant removed from its natural habitat always develops new characteristics. The tea plant is not exempt from this rule. When grown under a tropical sun the leaf secretes a greater amount of tannin than it otherwise would. Pure China Tea contains a very small and practically negligible amount of tannin, whereas the teas produced upon a ranker, hotter, and more luxuriant soil are heavily laden with this very undesirable ingredient. Tannin is the bane of the tea drinker. It has a most deleterious action upon the coating of the stomach and upon the digestive organisation. The offensive and shocking condition of the teeth of the working classes of this country is largely if not entirely due to the use of tannin-laden tea as a staple drink. Their sires had sound indicating organs, and the national degeneration of the teeth, the indispensable adjuncts to good health, dates from the introduction among the working classes of the cheap teas from India and Ceylon.

The profusely exuberant growth of the plant in the perpetual summer of southern India and Ceylon renders the production of tea in that part of the world a much simpler and more profitable business than it is in China. The result has been that the average price of tea has steadily fallen from 4s. per lb. in the "sixties" to the present price of from 1s. 4d. to 2s. Some of the Chinese growers, who felt the pressure of competition, made a great mistake. They began a system of adulteration which soon brought discredit upon their produce. For a time China Tea became a by-word and a reproach, and the imports declined. But so good a thing as real China Tea could not be allowed to perish. Higher commercial ideals ultimately prevailed, and the growers now vie in producing the finest possible leaf. There were always some famous gardens where the delicious herb was raised, and it still sent out in all its perfect native purity. And these were also the old-established well-known firms in this country who for long years had possessed that intimate knowledge of the China Tea Trade which alone could enable them to supply their customers with the genuine unadulterated and absolutely pure teas, so much admired and relished by the connoisseurs of the present day. Such a firm is that of James Lyle and Co., of 15, Old Bond Street, London, W., who for a hundred years (save two) have been importing and selling to their present customers (and to the ancestors of their customers) the purest and finest teas that China can produce. It is an education in tea and tea-love to taste and study the blend of pure China Tea offered by Messrs. Lyle and Co., and it is worth while to apply to the firm for a list of their blends.

For 93 years this firm has stood as one of the foremost exponents of the trade in pure China Tea. Purchasers are safe in the expert hands of Messrs. Lyle. The teas which they offer as China Teas are the veritable product of the finest gardens in China. It is well to know this fact, as much tea is unfortunately sold in this country as "China Tea" which never came out of China. The reason is not far to seek. The best China Tea never was, and for many good reasons never can be, a cheap tea. It is, therefore, a temptation to an unscrupulous dealer to sell other and inferior teas at an enhanced price under the name of China Tea. Hence the purchaser should protect himself by dealing with a firm which has a reputation to maintain, and which could not afford to imperil that reputation by supplying anything else but the genuine article.

The gradual and steady increase of favour with which pure China Tea is regarded has led, as stated above, to an extraordinary amount of resentment, which from time to time finds expression in the most libellous assertions concerning China Tea and the China Tea Trade. Thus an important newspaper has recently published a review of the tea trade of the year, in which it makes the most disparaging remarks about China Tea. After declaring that the consumption of China Tea is diminishing (which is not a fact), there then follows the astonishing announcement that the Indian and Ceylon planters have placed a large sum at the disposal of their representatives in London in order to counteract the tendency which they observe on the part of the public to revert to the use of China Tea.

The perverse misstatements as to the wane of the importations of China Tea and of its diminishing popularity are best controverted by an examination of the imports of the past three years, the official returns for which are as follows:

1906 ..... 5,671,975 lbs.

1907 ..... 7,729,327 lbs.

1908 ..... 8,921,751 lbs.

These figures alone without further argument are surely a sufficient refutation of the gross libels uttered so frequently in respect to China Tea.—*London Exchange.*

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## CHANGES IN THE BRITISH NAVY.

NEW FLEET FOR NORTH SEA.

Following is the statement published by the *Daily Mail* last month to which reference has been made in telegrams:—We understand that in the coming spring the Admiralty will make a further redistribution of naval forces in home waters. Generally speaking, the change will take the form of retaining the Channel Fleet and strengthening the forces in the North Sea.

At present the Channel Fleet, the most powerful force under the White Ensign, comprises eight battleships of the King Edward class and six other battleships. The First Cruiser Squadron, attached to the fleet, comprises the Black Prince, Duke of Edinburgh, and four other armoured cruisers.

The naval force in the North Sea consists of the North Division of the Home Fleet, which is nominally comprised of six battleships and six armoured cruisers. The ships actually attached to this division are the battleships *Dreadnought*, *Bellerophon*, *Lord Nelson*, *Agamemnon*, *Victorious*, and the armoured cruisers *Shannon*, *Minotaur*, *Natal*, *Warrior*, *Cochrane*, and *Achilles*.

As soon as the battleships *Temeraire* and *Superb* are delivered they will be attached to this fleet, whose battle squadron will then comprise four battleships of the *Dreadnought* class and the two *Lord Nelsons*. This squadron will be remarkable as consisting entirely of battleships of over 15,000 tons. Between them they will mount forty-eight 12in. and twenty 9.2in. guns.

At the same time the cruise squadron attached to the North Division will undergo reorganisation. The *Warrior's* place will be taken by the *Invincible*. Her sister ships *Natal* and *Cochrane* will be replaced by the *Indomitable* and *Indefatigable*, while the place of the *Achilles* will be taken by the *Defence*, which has just been completed at Pembroke Dockyard.

When all these changes have been completed the North Division of the Home Fleet will consist of the following ships:—

BATTLESHIPS.	
<i>Dreadnought</i>	<i>Superb</i>
<i>Bellerophon</i>	<i>Lord Nelson</i>
<i>Temeraire</i>	<i>Agamemnon</i>
ARMOURD CRUISERS.	
<i>Indomitable</i>	<i>Minotaur</i>
<i>Invincible</i>	<i>Shannon</i>
<i>Indefatigable</i>	<i>Defence</i>

The trial speed of these vessels—and in nearly every case so far this has been exceeded—is as follows:

25 knots: *Indomitable*, *Invincible*, *Indefatigable*.  
23 knots: *Minotaur*, *Shannon*, *Defence*.  
21 knots: *Dreadnought*, *Bellerophon*, *Temeraire*, *Superb*.  
18.5 knots: *Lord Nelson*, *Agamemnon*.

An entirely new force, to be called the North Sea Fleet, is to be formed, and will consist of the following ships:—*King Edward VII.*, *Africa*, *Battleships*, *King Edward VII.*, *Africa*, *Hibernia*, *Hibernia*, and *Britannia*, all of 16,350 tons.

Armoured Cruisers: *Achilles*, *Natal*, *Cochrane*, *Warrior*, *Black Prince*, and *Duke of Edinburgh*. These all have a displacement of 15,500 tons and speed of 23 knots.

This will leave for the Channel Fleet the six battleships of the *Formidable* class, displacing 15,000 tons, and armed with four 12in. and twelve 6in. guns. The First Cruiser Squadron, attached to the Channel Fleet, will probably be reconstructed so as to consist of four vessels of the *Devonshire* class (10,850 tons).

The effect of these changes will be to give us a strength in the North Sea of fourteen battleships and twelve armoured cruisers, representing the two fastest, most powerfully armed, and best-protected fleets of warships in the world. The new North Sea Fleet will be based either upon Rosyth, on the Forth, or Cromarty, in the far north of Scotland.

The selection of officers for the commands which will become vacant shortly will, we understand, be decided at a conference to be held at the Admiralty this week. The following, however, are regarded as probable appointments:

NORTH SEA FLEET.—Admiral Sir William H. May, at present Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty.  
CHANNEL FLEET (in succession to Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen)—Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Boscawen.

Home Fleet (in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir F. O. R. Boscawen, who will replace Sir William May at the Admiralty)—Vice-Admiral George Neville.

There is some doubt as to whether Admiral Sir Percy Scott will be the final selection for the Channel Fleet.  
Lord Charles Boscawen in the ordinary course would have hoisted down his flag in March. This redistribution renders it certain that he will not continue in command.



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

R. O. HUTCHISON,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909. [375]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

## ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1865,  
and  
IN THE MATTER OF LANGFELDT & COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for confirming a Resolution Reducing the Capital of the above-named Company from Yen 150,000 to Yen 100,000 was on the 26th day of January, 1909, presented to the Supreme Court of Hongkong and is now pending and that a list of Creditors of the Company has been made out as for the 31st day of December, 1908.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1909.  
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Captain Lorenzen, will be despatched as above on or about the 13th March.

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1909. [377]

## FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

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For Freight or Passage apply  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909. [378]

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

## FLOWER SHOW.

## IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY:  
Open 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Admission 5s.

Mrs. MAY has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY:  
Open 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Admission 50 cts.

3 p.m. to 6 p.m., " 20 cts.

Tea will be obtainable on the Grounds.

By kind permission of Major EVANS and Officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play on both days from 2.30 to 6 p.m.

L. GIBBS,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [356]

## PROPOSALS for frozen fresh beef and mutton.

Headquarters Philippines Division, Office Chief Commissary, Manila, P. I., Dec. 28, 1903. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to usual conditions, will be received at this office until 11 o'clock a.m., April 8, 1909, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of attending bidders, for furnishing and delivering about six million six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of frozen fresh beef and two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds of frozen fresh mutton to the Subsistence Department, U. S. Army, at Manila, P. I., during year ending June 30, 1910. The accepted beef and mutton will be admitted free of customs duties. The United States reserves the right to decrease the amount advertised for, upon reasonable notice to the contractor, or to increase the amount called for with his consent. Each proposal must be accompanied with a bidder's guaranty in the amount of \$25,000, or with certified check for that sum on a bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to give bond. Bids and full information furnished on application to this office or to nearest United States consular. Envelopes containing proposals must be marked: "Proposals for frozen fresh beef and mutton for fiscal year 1910 to be opened April 8, 1909," and addressed to the undersigned. Edw. E. Dravo, Col. A.C.G. U. S. Army, Chief Commissary.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [370]

## HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 Per Cent. per Share for the 12 Months ending 31st December, 1908, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [371]

## THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1261]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [1327]

## INTIMATIONS

E. R.  
PLAGUE.

THE Public are hereby informed that RAT POISON, RAT TRAPS, and BIRD LIME can be obtained free of charge from any of the Officers of the Sanitary Department.

The co-operation of householders in the destruction of rats is earnestly requested.

By Order,  
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [369]

## H.K.A.A.A.

THE SECOND RUN in connection with the Brooke Cross-Country Challenge Cup will take place on SUNDAY next, Feb. 28th, at 3.30 p.m., over a Course in Kowloon. Starting on the track. Entries at the post or to undersigned.

H. L. O. GARRETT,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [372]

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned up to the 31st March, 1909, for the Post of ACTING STEWARD to the above Club for six months from the 1st May, 1909.

Applicants should be unmarried as residence on the Club Premises is essential.

By Order,  
JAMES CRAIK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [315]

## WANTED.

FOR THE BRITISH CONCESSION, Amoy, a CHIEF CONSTABLE to superintend a small force of 6 NATIVE CONSTABLES, and whose principal duty will be to look after the cleanliness of the Concession. Salary \$100 per month with quarters, and medical attendance. Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, British Concession, Amoy, not later than 5th March, 1909.

Amoy, 18th February, 1909. [362]

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [343]

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

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Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [311]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [269]

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1908, at the rate of Two Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share of £125 is Payable on and after MONDAY the 22nd day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
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Chief Manager.

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## NOTICE.

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at the Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

## HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Standing Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd of February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, the 27th instant to receive Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
C. PEMBERTON,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [335]

## HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1908, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th February to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [363]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [357]

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

## LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4782—157226—8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TRADE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

## SINGON &amp; CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS.

Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers, General Storekeepers and Shipchangers.

No. 35 & 37, HING LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515. [660]

## ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.  
THE BANDMANN COMEDY CO.  
SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.  
THE SECOND Mrs. TANQUERY.  
Finest of the Great Sensational Play.

MONDAY, 1ST MARCH.  
WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES.  
Weedon Grossmith's Greatest Success.

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THE LITTLE MINISTER.  
J. M. Barrie's Phenomenally Successful Play.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH.  
A NIGHT OUT.  
The Scrambling Funny Farce Comedy.

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THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.  
Forbes Robertson's Powerful Dramatic Play.

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THE LADY OF OSTEND.  
Sir Charles Burnand's Masterpiece.

PRICES - - \$3, \$2, & \$1.

Plan now open at S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [344]

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions from HENRY HUMPHREYS, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) AND TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),

the 24th and 25th February, 1909, commencing at 2 P.M., and on the following day at 11 A.M., respectively,

within his residence, "ABERDEEN," Peak Road,

SUNDAY

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

SILK-COVERED DRAWING ROOM and COSY CORNER by Maple, CHIP-PENDALE CHAIRS, MOROCCO-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE,

Large Assortment of CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE, CARVED CHERRYWOOD DESK and OVERMANTEL with BEVELLED GLASS, BRONZE FIGURES with ELECTRIC LIGHTS COMBINED, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS by Hall & Holt,

JAPANESE GOLD LACQUERED CABINETS, DOUBLE & SINGLE BRASS BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, DRESSING TABLE, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS and MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS at L. C. & Co.'s make, GLASS, CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, Persian and Turkish CARPETS (New) and RUGS, WATER COLOURS, many fine STEEL ENGRAVINGS (Artist's proofs) and very fine OIL PAINTINGS by Heywood Hardy, SYDNEY COOPER, PHIL MORRIS and other well-known ARTISTS, MARBLE CLOCKS by Maple and others;

One IRON SAFE by Chubb and One EBUOIE GRAND PIANO by Collard & Co. (almost new).

On View from TUESDAY, the 23rd instant. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [350]

## PONIES! PONIES! PONIES!

THE Undersigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by Public Rump as under:—

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY),

the 24th February, 1909, at 5 P.M., Opposite the 2nd Hall,

ABOUT FIFTY LOTS.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [346]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from W. E. CLARKE, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

On FRIDAY,

the 26th February, 1909, at 5 P.M., within his Residence, "ABERDEEN," The Peak,

SUNDAY

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

Silk Tapestry-Covered DRAWING ROOM SUITE, an Assortment of CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGON, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, DRESSING TABLE with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WARDROBES and DRESSING TABLE with BEVELLED GLASS, CARPETS, RUGS, GLASS, CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, PICTURES, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.;

Also

One IRON SAFE by Milners, One SEMI-GRAND PIANO by Haake and One TENNIS NET and POLES, &c., &c.

On View from THURSDAY, the 25th instant. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [358]











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## STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO For SAID and MARSEILLES	MALTA Capt. W. F. Crossley, R.N.E.	10 A.M. 24th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	PALMA Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.E.	About 1st March	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	MACEDONIA Capt. C. D. Bennett	About 5th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via Usual Ports of Call	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	Noon, 6th March	See Special Advertisement.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

## SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HONGKONG and HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 24th Febr., 9 A.M.
TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 24th Febr., 10 A.M.
CHINKIANG	"SZECHUEN"	On 24th Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOSHING"	On 25th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK- TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 2nd March, 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly. S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANTU"		On 8th April, 4 P.M.

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For Freight or Passage apply to—  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
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# OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN  
HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS  
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
* TAMSUI via SWATOW	"JOSEPH MARU"	SUNDAY, 28th Febr., at 8 A.M.
* AMOY	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at 8 A.M.
* ANPING via SWATOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 4th March, at 8 A.M.
* SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 4th March, at 8 A.M.

\* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office, Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager

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# INDO-CHINA S. N. V. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
* MANILA & ILOILO	"LOONGSANG"	Wed. day, 24th Febr., 4 P.M.
* SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Thursday, 25th Febr., 4 P.M.
* TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Friday, 26th Febr., Noon
* MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 27th Febr., 4 P.M.
* SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 6th March, Noon

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "POOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

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# DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON  
THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS  
PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW	WED. DAY, 24th Febr., at Noon
"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH	FRIDAY, 26th Febr., at Noon
"HAITAN"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL  
ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR  
BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage, apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.

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# HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

## HAMBURG.

# EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,  
via STRAITS and COLOMBO,  
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Taking Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British  
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and all North and South American Ports.  
Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to  
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# NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.	HOMeward.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE: S.S. JILLYRIA ... 25th Febr. S.S. SPEZIA ... 25th Febr. S.S. AMER ... 10th March S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 20th March S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 31st March S.S. SILESIA ... 13th April S.S. SUEVIA ... 18th April S.S. SCANDIA ... 27th April S.S. SENEGAMBIA ... 10th May S.S. SEGOVIA ... 17th May Further Particulars, apply to—	FOR BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. ANDALUSIA ... 27th Febr. FOR Marseilles & HAMBURG: S.S. CONSTANTIA ... 27th Febr. FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG: S.S. WESTPHALIA ... 5th March. FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. SAXONIA ... 5th March.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. Hongkong Office. 12



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## STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 27th Febr., Noon.
BUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 6th Mar., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909.

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# EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

## COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI.

# RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.,

## ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOK.

# SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

## GOTHENBURG.

# PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	On 27th February.

For Further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1909.

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# NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

# EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS—

## EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE,  
COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

THE CO.'S NEWLY BUILT 9000 TONS PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED  
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ATSUTA MARU	(Capt. W. THOMPSON)	About Wed. 7th April.
MIYASAKI MARU	(Capt. W. HAINES)	About Wed. 5th May.
KITANO MARU	(Capt. —)	About Wed. 2nd June.
HIRANO MARU	(Capt. H. FRASER)	About Wed. 30th June.

CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

For further particulars apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.

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# NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

# PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGA- PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO and PORT SAID	* AWA MARU Capt. A. Keith TAMBA MARU Capt. C. H. Butler * KAGA MARU Capt. M. Hagino * TOSA MARU Capt. T. Harrison * NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi * KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson * CEYLON MARU Capt. Fred. Pyne * MOYOI MARU Capt. J. C. Richards * KAKURA MARU Capt. W. W. de * KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5309 6134 5301 5927 5539 5076 5068 3265 6126 5076	WED. DAY, 3rd March, at Daylight WED. DAY, 17th March, at Daylight TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon. TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon. FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon. FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon. TUESDAY, 2nd March, THURSDAY, 4th March, SATURDAY, 6th March, at Daylight WED. DAY, 17th March, at Noon.

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and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic  
Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama,  
1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.  
For Further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's  
Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Charter Road.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.

T. KUSUMOTO,  
MANAGER.

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# JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN  
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of March	JAPAN	First half of March
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of March	JAPAN	Second half of March
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of March	AMOY	Second half of March
TJILATAP.	JAVA	Second half of March	SHANGHAI	Second half of March
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of March	JAPAN	First half of April
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of April	SHANGHAI	First half of April

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

York Buildings, 1st Floor.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909.

Telephone No. 375.

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# PASSENGER SEASON 1909.

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BY THE

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Capt. P. GROSCH.

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Capt. R. MEYER.

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1909.

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# THOS. COOK & SON,

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